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Sae, the world's worst "best friend," is back with a vengeance! Now that Momo and Toji are finally happy together, Sae will do whatever it takes to break them up, and her latest scheme is her nastiest ever. For Momo's birthday, Toji made plans for the two of them to have a special night alone. But if Sae gets her way, *she'll* be the one kissing Toji!

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You're kidding!

...I want to go out with you!

I think...

MOMO vs SAE:
Death match: the whole story!

When Toji, the guy Momo adored since junior high, admitted his love for her, everything seemed perfect. But Sae, who covets everything that Momo has, spread a rumor that Momo was dating Kiley, and tried to wreck things with Toji. Kiley saved the day and broke Sae's brainwashing hold on the class, and the happy couple resumed dating. Sae is literally flattened by the mass revolt against her manipulative ways, but just when her self-confidence seems the lowest, she's recruited as a model! Suddenly, she's back on top, with the biggest model in the company begging her to go out with him!

MOMO ADACHI: Is going out with her true soul-mate, Toji. But not if Sae can help it! With friends like these...

KILEY OKAYASU: Is cute and popular. Sae has tried to use him to make Momo jealous, but Kiley has always been too clever for her schemes. He likes Momo.

TOJI TOJIKAMORI: The strong, silent type. Everyone calls him "Toji." Sae managed to brainwash him for a while, but now he knows what's up.

SAE KASHIWAGI: She tried to steal Toji and got caught, but was rescued from a life of humiliation when Toji told her that he liked her.

GORO OJI: He was nicknamed "the Ogre" by the mag that he models for. Everyone's in love with him, but Sae has rocked his world.

Everything you need to know.

We interrupt this manga for a special announcement!

They're steamy and sadistic, and you'll find the best of them inside!

It's here! All the information our readers have been sending in about real life Saes and how to handle them!

And now, enjoy!

They're all jealous of me!

They're all looking at me!

I've been rescued from desperate straits by this beautiful, famously hot model!

Even his name is gorgeous! Goro "Gorgeous" Oji!

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No! No way!

Get away from him, Sae! You don't belong with Gigolo!

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It can't be true!

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You and that famous gigolo model? In your dreams, maybe.

Yeah, right! Give us a break!

What is it?

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そういえば

そうかも...

Is this a trick? Where's the camera?

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And today you say you need to be with me?

We just met yesterday.

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I...

I don't believe it!

At last, I'm the star of the story!

This is all I ever wanted, all I ever dreamed of...

Don't cry.

ううっ

.....

You all want to set me up and get me all excited so that later you can have your laughs!

That's what she'd do, after all.

That's what it is...

...isn't it?

You must have had it hard up 'til now.

You poor thing.

R-really?

Don't worry. I'm not here to trick you.

...to let anyone trick you ever again.

And I'm not going ...

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*POOF!

*rumble rumble

AGONY!

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What just ...?

Huh?

Something about you seems different.

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Is she crying or laughing?

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I'M BACK!!

うおー

Sae! Wait up!

RRRRRRRRRRR

We've had a flood of cal s ask ng about Sae!

The response is amazing!

Look at a l this fan ma !

Please guys, et me by.

Take my paper numbers!

Can I take your hand

I'll carry your bag, Sae

Everyone, please

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She's so incredib y cute! ♡

She's charmed the whole sch ol

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The response has been great. Our readers voted for you hands down

Sae! Great to hear from you! You won't believe it

MEN'S MONTHLY "GIRLFRIEND" NAMED TODAY!!

MEET 15-YEAR-OLD SAE KASHIWAGI: "I'M JUST A SCHOOL GIRL IN A ROUGH WORLD."

SPECIAL EDITION-- WHO IS THE REAL SAE?

AN EXCLUSIVE BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK

Morning, everyone!

And then, one day...

さわ?

...If you're into the **tacky** look.

Great! It's totally you!

It's like she's a different person.

Sae?

What?!

don't know. I just went to sleep last night, and when I woke up...

What'd you do to your hair?

Just kidding. This is one of the wigs they gave me for a shoot.

How's it look?

She's totally busted out.

How could this happen?

I don't believe it.

There was this big Sae boom all over the school.

It's some kind of scam.

It has to be.

Heeeeey, Sae!

All together now!

Even outside the school gates, Sae freaks started showing up.

Even the upperclassmen were starting Sae fan clubs!

One after another, the supporters grew as everyone caught Sae fever.

Don't you think she's really gotten sweet?

Man, she's so cute.

I wonder how Momo's taking all this?

Probably okay for the time being

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バッカみたい

After being such a snake, now she's a model and everyone loves her?

I doubt a guy like him can stay together with a girl like Sae.

Probably used to getting anything and everything he wants, don't you think?

Even this Gigolo guy. He can't be such a catch, either.

I mean, look at her! What's so great about Sae?

I can see the attraction.

I guess he's pretty sexy, though

What's this? 19? He's three years older than me!

HOT SHIRTS FOR

不安…!

Unnerved!

She picks up more converts every day.

WOW!!

These are all presents from fans?

Miss popularity!!

She's on the fast track back to the way she used to be

She's still the same old Sae.

ざわ

Sure you're not going bald underneath?

Check out the wig.

Oh, sorry, I didn't see you there.

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Everywhere you go, it's Sae, Sae, Sae.

I'm getting sick of this nonsense, I tell you.

ガラ――ン

Gotta go see!

No way!

Hear that?

ダダダ

Watch it, klutz!

Ouch!

Hey! I'm first!

ドカガ

Hey, Gigolo

Kyaa!!

Come on, honey! Look this way!

should never have expected a straight answer.

After all, women are women

Hey..

...who do you think's a better man-- this Gigolo guy or me?

*Definitely Kiley

Right. He's the kind of pretty boy you see everywhere

断然カイリよね――

Totally. When I saw Goro in person, he wasn't so not.

You, of course. No contest! ♡

The Gigolo! He's right outside!

Quick! He's here!

For sure! ♡

Maybe some girls. But we like Kiley.

Seriously? I thought he was every girl's dream.

Oh, Goro...you shouldn't have! I don't want to squash all these beautiful flowers.

Hey, Momo!

Hey

?!!!!

He looked ♡

Sorry to keep you waiting.

薔薇っ

Wow

What's this?

Spec'l seat cover. Just for you.

What was that?

It was like he was staring me down.

No, I'm probably just imagining it.

I don't remember doing anything to him...

And then Goro said he wanted to buy me new clothes as a present before we had dinner.

Wherever go with him...

...everyone is always staring.

Totally disinterested

That's fascinating, Sae.

Now that I've seen what it's like to date a real man...

"The snout of a beast"

He took me to this gorgeous restaurant that his friend owns. It was incredible.

I'll never be satisfied with boys my own age ever again.

Are you on your way home?

Can we give you a ride to the station?

...but I forgot this is a two-seater.

Oops. I mean, I'd like to...

Yeah, good-bye Now go home.

Talk about an attitude

Oh well, see you tomorrow.

ブルン

ドキッ

You noticed that, too?

Dane just gave you a dirty look?

Nothing could be more special than that.

Not really. Just being with the one I love is more than enough.

Yeah?

The teacher wants you. You're on cleanup duty today.

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Hey, Toji!

ピク

But who really cares?

That's great, Sae

...at Tiffany's!!

Oh, I forgot to show you the ring that Goro bought me...

Where do you guys go?

Well, enough about me. Tell me about you and Toji.

ちょっと 妻まじ女子

*What does it take to make her jealous?!

Come on.

Of course I am.

And you're satisfied with that?

You'd really like to be taken out somewhere special once in a while, wouldn't you?

Finished

け？

Nowhere special. Just your average date spots.

Besides, I'm happy just to be with him— no matter where we go.

We don't have a lot of money for fancy-schmancy places.

Passing embarrassing ttle love messages back and forth all day?

How lame

Bring it on, Sae I can handle it.

What can I say? That's now we fee.

He was more of a friend to me than you.

When you were first going out, he wouldn't even believe anything you told n m.

Did you forget?

Why are you slumm.ng w th Toj ?

I don't get t. Momo Yo . co.. d ac better

Jeez, mind in the gutter much, Sae?

.....

More ke an L, Sae.

As n, "I love you."

For "I ke" or " ove."

Wnat was that?!

That was more than he o.

You two have some k nd of secret code, don't you?!

Nothing Just saying hello.

N

Together those s gnals make an "H" For what? "Hote ?"

As in, "let's go to a hotel after school?"

...how could I expect him to be perfect?

With all of my faults...

...but everyone has their bad points.

It's true that Toji's gullible and sometimes takes things at face value..

But now he's really on good behavior to make up for his mistake. And I know he's totally sincere.

He was sweet before, of course.

What's important here is how sweet Toji was when he realized how wrong he'd been.

I like Toji now even more than before.

You're saying that..

...to **me?!**

Hold on.....

I think a guy should believe his girlfriend no matter what.

That shows what kind of guy he really is.

But the worst thing is that he doubted you..

You're the one who fed him nothing but lies!

...I probably wouldn't care for him as much as I do.

...And just turn his back on someone as pitiful as you..

If Toji was the type to automatically trust me..

Listen, Sae.....

ピク ピク

Amazing how she's gotten so popular in such a short time.

And the ones over there. Give me all of them.

I want this, and that, and two of those

You said today you'd buy me anything I wanted, right?

You're not done yet?

Next store!

Thank you. Do come again

So you want to keep going?

Okay.

I'm not done yet. I want more. More, more more!

Bring me one of everything you have.

And more.

More

Really?

I see!

It's just great to be in love, huh?

Well, what about you, Sae?

What about me?

What is it about Goro that made you ken m?

You want to hear me say those three little words. Well, forget the sign. I'll say it every day if you want me to.

So that's what's bothering you!

Oh, I see.

Like whenever we make an "L" sign like this, it'll mean "I love you."

Yeah

.....

I'm horribly unsatisfied.

This. All this. It's not enough!

Huh?

It's not enough

Satisfied?

Hey, Goro, why don't we make a secret sign for just the two of us?

A secret sign?

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What's wrong? You seem down today.

"What is it about Goro that made you like him?"

.....

What is it?

Who is "she"?

Sae?

"I like Toj now even more than before."

"Just being with the one I love is more than enough. Nothing could be more special than that."

"What can I say? That's how we feel."

So why is that tramp so darn happy?.

I'm the one who's on top now.

don't get it.

So why do I feel like I'm losing?.?!

I'm the one who has everything.

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What?!

What does she have that I don't?!

t won't work.

You can't give me the thing I want.

And I'm afraid I can't go out with you anymore.

Hey? Sae?

What does she have that I don't?

Whatever it is... ...I'll do my best to get it for you.

Tell me what it is you want.

Special bonus page!

Readers voice their opinions.

No. ①

Since you've asked for us to write in with our views about real-life Saes, I'd like to tell you mine. Basically I can see Sae's side of it. A while ago, I borrowed a book from a friend of mine and thought it was so interesting that I bought my own copy. I didn't tell her, but if I had I'm sure she would have made me feel like a copy cat. But what's the big deal about me buying my own copy because I found hers interesting? It's not like I bought it just because she had it. And what about all of us who buy clothes and get our hair cut to mimic our favorite star? We've all done it. Are we copycats? I doubt the stars themselves resent it. When someone else has something that you like, I see nothing wrong with wanting to make it your own.

No. ②

Copying isn't automatically evil. If a friend of mine said, "Quit copying what I do," I'd probably tell her she wasn't my friend to begin with. When I tell a friend that I bought something cool, I expect her to agree with me and make me feel like I made the right decision. So if one of my friends bought the same thing I did, that just means she thinks I have good taste. Since you've asked for opinions about what to do in such real-life situations, here's my suggestion: bring your friends along when you are shopping. That way, everybody can buy things that compliment each other yet still be little different.

Take a look at these two pictures. We are wearing the same skirt, but we each have a different look. You can't tell from the drawing, but there are times when it's good to look alike and times when you'll naturally want to look different because of who you are. So let's not worry too much about "copying." (That's my advice.)

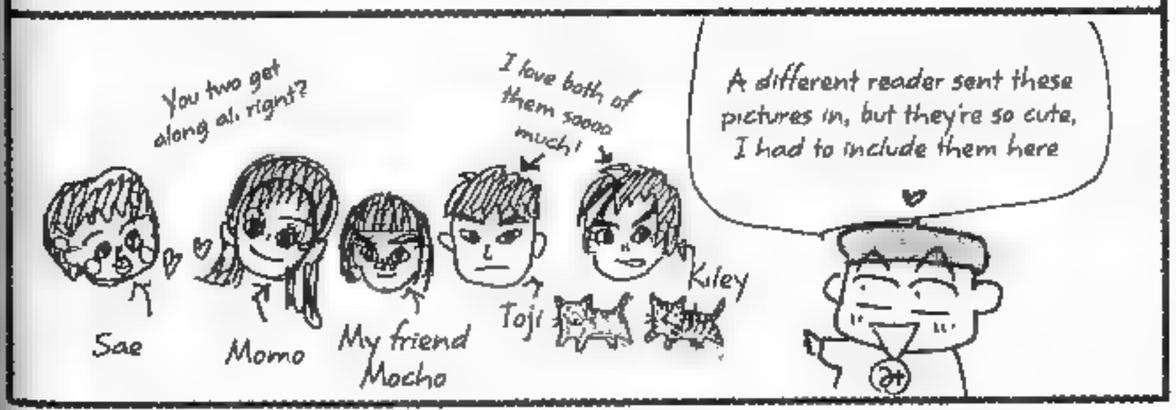
Special bonus page

Readers voice their opinions

No. ③ I had a great time reading *Peach Girl* 4, particularly the bonus pages, and decided to send in a letter of my own.

I wanted to tell you that I feel a lot of sympathy for Sae-like copycats. In my own life, other people's things always seem so much better than my own and I think it's perfectly natural to look at what somebody else has and decide that you want that, too. After all, I think that fashion is a wave that hits us all at the same time. So when we find out that a friend is wearing the same clothes we are, we shouldn't accuse her of copying us. When that happens to me, I just remember that I must look super-cute and that my fashion choices were obviously good ones.

However, I hate the way that Sae behaves in the story. But I still agree with a point that another of your readers made--it's okay to send in a fan letter if you like the manga, even if you didn't buy it yourself. Why should anyone get so upset if a person borrows their manga and then likes it so much they decide to send in a fan letter? It's not like there are any rules that say only people who buy the books are allowed to send in letters. And if I really like the book, I'll buy one for myself. Of course, if the person who lent it to me is really protective, she'll accuse me of being a copy cat. But I just don't understand that way of thinking.


You two get along al. right?
I love both of them soooo much!
A different reader sent these pictures in, but they're so cute, I had to include them here
Sae
Momo
My friend Mocho
Toji
Kiley

I was afraid she'd say that

がくっ..

I'm sure I'll love whatever you decide to give me ♡

Uh, Momo.

And thank you for walking me home.

Anyway, give it some thought.

will.

Hmm?

ka-thump

That's a great idea!

A party! A party! A party!

It sounds awesome.

A party. Just the two of us celebrating together.

Well, someone did make a mark in my day planner ♡

I'm so happy. I didn't even have to say anything. Toji remembered my birthday all on his own

A present?

So now about a present? Is there anything you want?

Sorry. To. Take care.

Well, er, better be going.

Get out of here! Get to the other side of the yard!

What are you doing

...you stupid mangy mutt??

Just when it looked like it was going to happen.

Since then, there hasn't been any new development...

Our first kiss was a whole month ago... and that one was only on the cheek.

"Is there anything you want?"

Shut up, you stupid dog!!!

Err...

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?!
Oh my gosh, Toji!
"Yes, sweetie. Your love."
I can't stand it
Don't be silly, Mama!
What if I'd said that?

Are you...

...angry with me?

You haven't spoken to me once the whole second semester.

It's all right. I understand. You don't want to see me anymore, do you?

No comment. I mean, who am I to judge?

And you and that model guy.. congratulations

You two even have your own secret sign. ♡

Well, at least things are going great with you and Momo.

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You didn't hurt yourself, did you?

?!!!!

Toji!

What are you doing ?!

さか さか さか さか

Wait

No, Toji

Why are you trying to escape ?

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Even if I was a litt e under-handed. felt I haa to do it...

...after that, . aia my best to get you ana Momo back together...

But even so. .

...because tne truth is, I .ike you..

Goro's crazy about me...

...but I just don't fee that way about him

Huh?

I knew it. That's tne way it ooks to everyone else, sn't t?

guess you probably tnink 'm... easy.

He tninks tnat al women are just natura y attractea to him 'a been feeling so down, and before I realized it, I turned into his girifriend.

He doesn't understand

Don't worry, baby.

Hey, come on.

Gigolo

I'm sure you tn nk I'm terr ble.

And then I startea spreading al those rumors about Momo.

What am saying? Of course you do. I let you practice on me before you kissed Momo. I came on to my best friend's boyfriend.

"I'm afraid I can't go out with you anymore."

Where's your enthusiasm?

What's the matter

This could be a good

Anna, read it, this s

But I really just wanted to kiss you.

I'm so stupid. When I told you I'd teach you how to kiss, I acted like such an expert.

You may not believe it, but that was my first time. You were my first kiss.

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さわ

My tanned skin and winter clothes just don't mix.

I hate winter

It's really gotten cold all of a sudden.

ガチッ

Give me your finger.

BANSOKO

I cut myself.

Could you get me a band-aid?

What happened?

Ow!!

どきっ

Now if nothing gets in the way...we may get back to..

This is good. This is good. ♡

Whoa.

...where we were yesterday!!

Uh, nothing.

Really?

Hmm?

Did something happen?

You seem so far away

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Is something wrong?

This is getting embarrassing!

The coast looks clear. There's no one around.
Deep breath, and...
Ready!!

Let's go home

"You were my first kiss."

.....?

Dear Toji

I need to talk to you. Could you meet me in the rear garden?

Sae

Toji!

.....

No!!!!!!!

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You actually came!

I'm so happy.

You idiot, Toji!

Why won't you kiss me?

I was all ready for it! You just left me hanging!

You stupid idiot, Toji!

I felt like a jerk!

When I wasn't looking, something happened.

Like somehow...

Even when I tried talking to him, he was somewhere else.

. But something wasn't right with Toji all day today...

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Yuck! I'm not in the mood anymore.

Maybe I turned him off.

Unless he really wanted to kiss me but I had bad breath..

Or a hair sticking out of my nose or something

But..
that time you kissed me...
You must have felt something, or you wouldn't have done it, right?

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Because Momo's the only one I love.

I can't return your feelings

But I was worried about what would happen..

I guess ...I really wanted to say no, I could have.

.If I tried to kiss Momo and I didn't know now.

I should have known that Momo doesn't care about stuff like that.

..worrying so much about appearances.

I was really an idiot.

I'm... ...sorry...

My body just sort of on its own.

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Hold on! Where do you think you're going?!

...but I just needed to let you know that, even now, still like you.

I'm sure you understood when I told you yesterday...

But I just don't feel this way about anyone but you..

I've tried so hard to get over it.

I'm sorry, Sae.

I'll see you.

I guess that's now it is.

I'm sorry, Sae.

I didn't want to come out and say it but-

Can't he even see what he could have?!?!

What a moron!

Wa t..

Tell me What's so great about her?!

Maybe that... in spite of everything...

..she still likes me for who am.

I'm sorry, Sae.

What are you say ng?. You weren't thinking about me at a l?

You can't mean that even when you were do'ng it, all you were thinking about was her?

You didn't feel anything when you kissed me?!

I could have just been anybody?

Yean, guess. It's like you said

That is..

We ...

I .

Yes. But before do...

Really?

You mean it?

Huh?

?!!!!

You've got to give me a goodbye kiss.

Stop! Get off!

What are you trying to do? Make me look stupid?!

I can't. I already told you

Let me worry about that.

If I kiss you, it'll just create more problems.

!!!

すぱ

Toji

Hold up!

Toji.

All right.

You win, Toji. I'll give up on you.

I dug that hole just in case something like this happened

told you to wait, didn't I?

Just cut it out, okay??

Ah!

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Huh!

Oh! It's Momo!

(not really!)

That was close.

Whew

Snoot

……

It really is Mama

Hi, Mom!

Nice timing

Momの日

white as a sheet

?!!!

ぎゅっ

迫力負ける

The pain of defeat

Oh, I..

A polite invitation to Toji?

That?

What's this, Sae?

It's your handwriting, isn't it?

Dear Toji,

I need to talk to you. Could you meet me near the garden?

Sae

This note?

You don't really think I was serious.

Why, it's nothing

I was just trying to test Toji's love for you..

On

Don't get the wrong idea Momo.

After all, have my Gigolo.

.....

Well, everything seems to be cool now Have a good time.

I'm gone with the wind

He's mine. Understand?

You...

...great big idiot!!!

Why.

Do you keep kissing **her?!?!?!**

That's...

...not the problem...

I'm sorry.

Her lips barely even touched me. Really.

I don't forgive you.

"Deep bow"

I'm really sorry, Momo.

ゴッ

You big lunk-head!

.. I'll never forgive you

Until you kiss me lots more than you've ever kissed Sae

Hey, babe.

This may be something even I can't do on my own.

I need a better plan. One that's more carefully thought out.

After all, they'll be twice as ready for me now.

.....

Those two are closer than I thought.

Hmph.

Whatever it is you want, name it. I'll help you get it.

I want you to give me another chance.

Look, I don't care if you like someone else.

Just a min-ute.

Don't have any shoot today?

What did you come here for?

Normal methods aren't going to work.

Special bonus page
Readers voice their opinions

No. ④

Now it's my turn to give you my opinion about Sae-type copycats. I think some people have it wrong. There are small, medium and large offenses, but it's all part of the same thing. It's easy to overlook it when someone copies you in a small way and think, "oh well, I can forgive that." But copying is copying and other people's things are other people's things. If a friend asks first if she can copy me, I'm glad to let her. After all, she's a friend. But if it's my manga and you send in a fan letter without even asking me, of course it's going to feel like you stole something from me. That's just the way human beings are. And I've seen cases like that even outside of Peach Girl. For example, I have a friend named Ai who's a true-life Sae. If you lend her a manga and she likes it, she'll go out and buy a different one by the same author, then show it to everyone in class and act like she discovered it. That bothers me. I think it would irritate anyone. If someone went out and bought a copy of your most treasured possession (in my case, it's manga), wouldn't you feel bad? When it happens, I feel like I've clearly been ripped off, and it's impossible to forgive. If you let it slide once, the copycat just does it again. Everyone who's been copied by her hates her and even when they do forgive her, they don't really want to. It would be nice to hear "I'm sorry" when something like this happens. I want everyone to consider my opinion and think about it--especially you Sae fans. We can admire Sae for her determination and skill at getting what she wants. But not for the hardships that she causes other people. I just don't understand people who want to be like Sae.

I want you to spend a night with Momo.

Come on, she's a big fan of yours.

At long last, Toji and I are truly lovers.

No one will bel eve the things she does to me.

And in front of other people, she a ways acts so cute and innocent.

She has a lot of influence

Goro?

Momo? Probably st at school, I guess.

Where is she right now?

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H--

Hold on a minute!

I'm going to go have a talk w th her

She's not going to get away with treat ng you like th s anymore.

But... I can't help t.

I know. I d dn't want to ask you.

What do you think I am? A gigolo?!

If I ke someone, whether she likes n m or not, she goes into her attack mode and gets them before . can

You don't understand how she is. She always has to get ahead of me, or she's not happy.

She's somehow got it in for me.

Why don't you just stand up to her?

Why do you et her do that to you?

I can't.

She a ways makes me feel I ke she's more deserving than I am

And it's not just with guys

If there's a purse I ke or some c othes ..

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...be with someone...

...I don't even like.

Think about what you're asking I can't just...

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Of course not. You're right.

Now ..

...you must really hate me.

How...

...could ask you to do such a terrible thing? I'm so stupid.

I'm such a foo

I'm sorry

shou have even

No, Goro, you don't understand. She'll kill me!!

You're too afraid of her. That's why she gets away with treating you like that!

Think about me! Think about what she'll do to me!

Please, don't do that!

And then when she found out we were going out, she was furious.

She's already upset. She didn't like the fact that became a model for your magazine

Al right, but...

No matter what you say, she won't change. It's not like you can come to school and protect me every minute.

And now if you talk to her...

Even now, I really... like you.

You...

Well, why don't we just pretend to be broken up, and then see each other secretly without her knowing it?

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You do?

Oh, thank you.

No, of course not. I don't hate you.

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sniff

I just didn't think you would ask that kind of favor.

Even though

The thing is, I just don't know when or where Momo will be watching

If she thinks I snagged you, she'll destroy me.

I'm sorry, Goro.

I'm sorry for saying I couldn't go out with you anymore.

I'm so happy

I just want to stay here forever.

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My parents are going to be out late that night and.

Yes?

Momo?

About your birthday party...

Yes, Toji?

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I'm so tired...

I just...

. don't know...

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Uh...

No, I just...

Looking for something in particular?

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I'll help you pick out some makeup she'd like. ♡

Of course. A present for the perfect girlfriend.

How'd you like to come over?

TOSHIBA

Momo would like something you picked out yourself even more

Of course, Toji

Hm?

I understand. Don't mind me. Sorry to interrupt.

And now she's trying to make up for it all?

Maybe she learned her lesson last time?

That was easy

bye.

Yeah..

See you, Toji.

I just shop for something over here

I'm here buying a present for Momo, just like you.

You don't have to look so scared, Toji

I'm not going to eat you.

What are you doing here?!

S--

Sae?!

Must escape!

Then it's like you're always close to the one you love. ♡

If it were me, I'd want something I could keep near me.

I'm sure Momo would love it

How about this stuff? Smells nice.

What do you want to spend? Twenty bucks?

...why don't we pool our cash and buy her something together?

Hey, as long as we bumped into each other...

...I want to buy her something on my own.

Look, I'm sorry but...

What do you think?

シュワッ

Here. Allow me.

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No... I just...

Is it a gift?

That's on special this week.

It's such a cute peach color, isn't it?

Un Amour de PATOU

JEAN PATOU PARIS

Where did she get it?

This thing...

More of a peach tone. And it has a delicately shaped bottle that ladies like.

As you can see, it's not exactly pink.

Peach tone...?

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I'll take it!!

Nice, isn't it? Sweet, but not too strong.

It's finally here...

My birthday party.

Thank you. Come again.

Uh, excuse me?

Could you gift-wrap this for me?

Un Amour de PATOU

JEAN PATOU

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was just coming to see if maybe you couldn't find the house

Knee socks, long boots.

White turtleneck, checkered skirt...

"Toji, I'd like to have dinner out tonight after all."

I've got to tell him. I've got to say:

Looks like the little wardrobe brought along should work perfectly

Tee hee.

Oh yeah, before I forget.

Toj--

"My parents are going to be out late..."

Until late at night. Just the two of us.

What'll I do if the mood becomes too... heavy?

Aren't things moving too fast?

After all, we only just had our first kiss.

Why Hun? didn't you knock?

Definitely We should just have the party at a diner or somewhere.

But on the other hand, it's Toji, so just because he invited me to his house, that doesn't mean.

But still, Toji is a man...

ガチャ

He wouldn't be taking me...not... to the bedroom?!

Toji?!

What?

What's happening?!

Yikes!

What?

Close your eyes.

Too late!

Oh well, in that case...

You're not in the mood to close your eyes?!

Hun?

If that's okay.

Not in the mood

I'm... er..

パーキッ

Where is he taking me?

Nothing. Just come here.

Toj. What are you doing?!

Well, it's nothing too fancy.

Wow!

You...

...did all this yourself?

Mostly I just called for delivery.

...for me?

Uh oh. Not much time.

A

this..

Thank you.

Sorry, Toji.

That's so sweet... and I thought that...

Happy Sweet Sixteen!

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Amour.
♡

Ah...

You looked fine.

Te me before you take a picture. I looked s ily!

You jerk. I'll take your p.cture...

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Toji!

パシャッ

Smel s wonder-ful. ♡

thought it sort of suited your persona ty .

It's adorab e!

Un Amour de PATOU
JEAN PATOU

...Amour de patou...

Un Amour de PATOU
JEAN PATO

What does th s say? It's Frencn.

This s the best b rthday I've ever had!

No, of co.rse not.

Hey..

Hey..

Do you mind if I put some on?

Ahhh! Love!

Amour?! That means ove.

It's Toj's ove!!

Ah!
Goro?
Hello?
Pii
Fine
Right now
I'm at the
corner
of..
So..
Can
you come
here?
You sure
you can
do it?
Really?
Okay.
Good.
You don't
have to if
you don't
want to.
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on.
Oops
Hey,
look
out!
Saved
it.

Oops.

ガバッ

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You didn't like that?

Uh... no...

...actually... did...

Oh, Toji...

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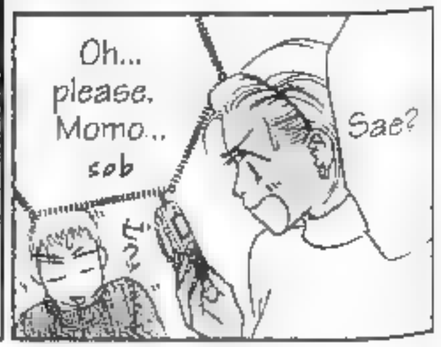
It's getting cold

The food.

It's okay. I can re-heat it

Who the ne l has to ca me at a time ke tnis?



Uwaaaaah!!

What ?!?!

That was Sae?

She's nearby. She needs me to go get her.

"He wants to break up with me! He says he likes you!!"

You?

Why don't I go with you?

Okay.

I'll find out what she needs, then come right back.

I'm sorry this happened in the middle of our party.

Oh ...it's better you just wait. It's something she says she can only tell to me.

I'll be quick

Momo. Over here.

There's got to be a mistake.

Goro says he likes me?

What's all this about?

Where's Goro?

I'm so sorry I had to drag you away like this.

Hmph.

Here, drink this while you wait.

He should be here in another five or ten minutes.

But when I told him you were on your way...

...he said he was coming right back.

He left..

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That's odd. I fee dizzy

Get in

Wow.

When you see him up close, he's got such an ntense look

And

When I asked him what the prob em was, he sa d that ever since you came to see me at the studio that time, he's been thinking about you.

You see, things haven't been going too we l with me and Goro recent y

Well...

I couldn't understand a thing you were saying on the phone

What's going on here?

So guess just got a little crazy that time with Toj

Sorry about that

It's been so hard on me

At the stud o that time? I remember that he was there, but..

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t's Goro.

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This is what you want?

You sure?

just came here to...

What the hel are you talking about?

Is my p.ace okay?

Or wo.d you rather go to a hote?

What ...?

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My body nas lost all power...

I can't seem to...

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And now...

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You just hang on, Toji, darling!

Your lover's coming. ♡

Just you wait. She'll be there real soon. ♥

Special bonus page
Readers voice their opinions

No. ⑤

Hello. I'll get right to the point. I have a real problem with some of the letters from the other readers in *Peach Girl* 4. I agree that there are real-life Saes and that these people will borrow manga and treat them like their own property. But there are different types of copycats. Let my give you an example. I know a lot of girls who like to copy my style. One day, I may tell everyone that I like a certain manga and then a few days later they're all suddenly in love with that same book. There's a difference between someone who admits that she recently started to like something because you showed it to her and the type who pretends like she's known it and loved it all along. The type who admits she learned something new from you is all right. But the type who's too proud to let people think there was ever something in the world that she didn't know first is a real pain. And people who are so protective that they won't let anyone copy them are almost as bad. I'm talking about girls who say things like, "I wore those kind of clothes first, so don't copy me," even though the look they're talking about is popular everywhere. If I want to wear the new look, I'm not necessarilly being a copycat just because someone else happened to find it first. I guess there are good Saes and bad Saes.

She's gone.

Hmmph

PATOU

"I'll call if it looks like it's going to take some time.

Otherwise, I'll hurry back."

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What s th s, pay-back for before?
Don't scare me like that
Momo?
What did Sae want?
That was quick.

Like I'm underwater.

My body feels like it's floating.

705

ガチャ

ギシ…

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Room 705 it's on the 7th floor.

705

No thanks.

Will you need someone to show you the way?

You don't know? The men's magazine? He's their number-one model

Who's Gigolo?

You know who that was? That's Gigolo.

He paid for a double room. He must be here with someone

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To, ...?

Oh, Toji. .

I ke you so much.

Toj ...

To, ...

Toji. .

I love you.

Momo.

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Momo?

Did you change the melody on your cellular?

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That's..
strange

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ラリラー——
キラリラリラー——

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When did you change it?

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Wasn't that "Peach Boy" song before?

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Momo?

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Sae ...?!

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To...

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What ..

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...what are you doing here?!?!

Oh no...

I'm so sorry...

Oh, Momo.

Momo

I'm so sorry

I really, really like you!

It's true.

I'm here because I like you, Toji!

Stay away from me!

Toj., please.

Let me .

Goro said he wanted to break up with me.

The reason I called was because I needed advice.

What?

I told him no. I said that Momo was with you.

And talk about how cute she was.

The whole time I was going out with him, all he ever did was ask me to introduce him to Momo..

So I thought I'd get him and Momo in the same room. Once she told him off to his face, I was sure the whole thing would be over.

But then she...

I don't think you realize who I am.

Who do you think you're talking to?

No girl has ever turned me down.

Maybe we need to break up.

She said she was going to meet you.

You didn't see her?

Where is Momo?

Momo...

saw her.

She left with Goro

You know, you're really cute

Why don't you dump that loser you're with and let me take you out for a real birthday party?

We could go back to my place. Or a hotel if you want.

I'll go anywhere with you!

That's a lie.

Momo wouldn't do that. Do you think I'm that stupid?

All right, if you don't believe me, why don't you check up on her and see

You know her mobile number, don't you?

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チロリーラララ

Hi.

It's me. Momo?

Where are you?

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It's pointless to keep trying.

I told you.

ピッ ピッ ピッ

Crap!

The mobile unit that you have dialed is not accepting calls or is out of the call area... Please try--

She picked him over you, Toji.

So why don't you just forget about Momo and be with me instead?

Toji?

Agh!

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She's sleeping.

This is what she wanted.

What are you doing to Momo?

If you try anything, I'm going to hunt you down

Who is that? Is that Goro? The gigolo?

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Hello?

Hello?

?!

Beep!

I'm going to get Momo back.

To that Gigolo's house.

Leaving? Where are we going?

"!"

We've leaving.

Get dressed

But you know his address, don't you?

H's house? I've never been to n s house.

You're my on y link to Gigolo.

I'm taking you with me

Hurry up and put your clothes on

No comment

Why'd you push me away?

What was that?

No way.

Some-thing's wrong. Momo wouldn't do that.

If she's not answering her phone..

That means someth ng's happened...

They must have gone to a hotel. Like I said.

He's not here.

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You sure you don't know where they are?

I already told you. No.

You swear? On your life?

For crying out loud, I don't know

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What are you doing?

I'm going to call every place that he might have taken her to.

Here it is. Hotels.

But that's Goro's phone.

Fine. We'll use your cellular.

You expect me to help you?

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OJI

He's obviously not home

Maybe.

You sure you're friends of Goro's?

She models for the same magazine he does.

No one's heard from him in three days, so we're worried.

Go on in.

ガチャッ

Well, I guess we better check

'm not even going to ask you what you were doing in my house dressed up like her

Right now finding her is the most important th ng

But f anyth ng's happened to her...

I'll never forgive you.

F ne, don't

Fine. Let me waste my time

He probably didn't even check n with h s rea name

You're wasting your time, Toji.

To the bath room.

Where are you go ng?

t reminds me of Momo. It hurts me to see it.

Take off that wig.

Sae...

Awake, asleep, whatever!

What have you been doing all this time?

It's meaningless if she's not awake, right?

I already told you, she wants you. Just give her what she wants.

You mean you still haven't done it yet?!

↖ She's getting kind of loud

Oh, wait. Just a minute. Goro.

Bye...

Yeah, right. You better.

All right.

I will.

Could you please connect me with Goro O_'s Room?

Hello?

He's not staying there?

I see.

Okay. Thank you very much.

What note are you at?

Hello.

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チラリラリ

Thank goodness.

You finally picked up.

He doesn't scare me at all.

To me, with him, threatening me

Or maybe he does.

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Goro!

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Zonked

Ever since we got here She won't wake up.

She's been sleeping.

What?

What is it? How's Momo?

That's why I called

..I like you so much, Momo...

Momo...

I like you, too...

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Wait a minute. Where am I?

It was only a dream.

Aw..

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Yeah, but look how many you've got to go

Okay, this one's wrong too. That means...

Yes, that's right. Goro Oji.

What? We've spent two hours here already?!

I see. Thanks.

I know where she is. But I'm not telling.

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Hun?

I'm sorry, sir, but he's not taking any calls right now.

Sae, found her!

Let's go!

That means..

He's staying there, right?

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ザー

Could Toji have... While I was sleeping...

This can't be! I'm completely naked!!!

What the-- what happened ?!?!

Eek! I don't even have my underwear

スルッ

Is Toji's room this nice?

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I gave you what you wanted.

I hope so.

キュッ

It's the shower...

Gigoo ??

What?

ガチャッ

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Wel, Momo, are you satisfied?

To be continued in Peach Girl 6

No. 8

It's true that copycats cause trouble and no one likes to be copied. Nowadays, people stress individuality so much that we don't want to look like everyone else. Copycats try to take our individuality away from us Maybe they do this because they don't have the courage to show their own individuality. (Yeah, that's what I think...) Copycats are probably truly unhappy people on the inside. But there's still no easy way for people to feel good about being copied. When someone copies us, we still get angry. I certainly do. How could I help it?

No. 10

I have a question: Don't we all spend a lot of time choosing our clothes and our accessories because we want to show them to the world? That's the problem. We focus our sense of self and originality on things like clothing and make up, rather than on our personalities and our feelings. It's such a sad waste of effort when you think about it. We flip through magazines, running from store to store, only to feel cheated, and not unique when someone else rips off our look and copies us.

No. 9

I'm going to have to disagree with some of your readers. First, I want to say that I understand what you all mean about how copycats can be irritating. It's not necessarily that you're wrong--copycats do tend to make everyone (except themselves) feel a little less happy, and you can't really call them on it. But I think people should put more emphasis on individuality. Copycats shouldn't make us feel like we've been ripped off (although I have to admit, I used to feel this way too...). We should pity copycats for being so unoriginal. I know it's hard to do that. Maybe this won't solve anything--after all, it's just a matter of the person who's been copied changing her point of view. But I also want to tell these real-life Saes how stupid they are. If your greatest joy in life comes from taking things that other people have, it's such a waste. The problem is there will always be saes everywhere you go. Instead of trying to destroy them, we should show them that what they're doing is wrong. I'm sorry to have to disagree with everyone, but I know that when I started talking to a "Sae" in my own life and eventually became good friends with her, I regretted being so hard on her. Don't be mean to the Saes of the world. Realize that the reason that they pick on you is because they're so jealous... And you're so cool, just like Momo.

It's been great fun hearing all these different opinions
You've obviously been thinking a lot about this. Thanks, one and all.
And now here are still more of your letters.
Further reports on the Saes next door!
Part 4!!

No. 6

The things that I don't want people to copy me on are things that I came up with myself For example, the pictures I draw, the way I do my hair, styles I've come up with, things that I've made, and so on. Here's the point: it's wrong to get mad at people for "copying" things that aren't yours to begin with (like things you can buy in stores, etc.). But it makes sense to get upset if people copy your original ideas (such as personal styles, makeup, and the like). When you've worked really hard to create something and someone just rips you off, that really stinks. Of course, girls like Sae are the worst of all Sure, everyone has to copy to an extent. If we didn't copy other people's words, we'd never learn how to speak. The important difference is whether you use your own qualities to create your personality or whether you steal other people's qualities to do it. When a copycat says "she's got such nice things. I want them too," the person being copied should just think, "Big deal. So she likes me." The copied person shouldn't be angry, but instead should feel sorry for the copier who lacks her own originality.

No. 7

Monkey see, monkey do--I read over the different opinions on "real-life Saes" and was shamed to find that I too am a copycat. I realized that I often borrow manga from friends and then decide I want to buy them myself I've even felt like sending in fan letters. But I don't because I'm afraid that that would make me a Sae. Wouldn't my friend get mad at me? After all, when someone does the same thing to me, I get mad. I like my own personal manga and I get jealous when somebody else tries to invade my territory. But I think I'm learning and beginning to get better. My friends and I are starting to realize that if another person likes the same thing that we like, that just means now we can enjoy it together. Isn't it great when two people can share their excitement for something? Everyone has a little envy inside them. It's natural. (In fact, I probably have more than a little--ha ha. When somebody does the same thing as me, I immediately feel like I've been copied. But I never used to look at it from the other person's point of view.) I don't mean it's always okay to copy. There are times when you just can't feel good about it But I think it's best to tell yourself that when a friend copies you it means she really likes you. Because someday I'll probably want to copy her and I'll want her to feel the same way.

No. 13

For better or for worse, I don't have a lot of information about real-life Saes but I do know something about copycats in general. My little sister, for example, has copied me ever since she was a really small kid. (She still does, in fact.) When I'd buy a doll, she'd instantly tell our mom she wanted the same doll. And she always had to have whatever I bought--bags, clothes, accessories, you name it! (There was always two of everything in our house.) At first I thought it was cute, but now I wonder when she'll finally develop some tastes of her own. It makes me mad now, but when I look back, I realize I'm the one who started it. When I'd go to the mall and buy a lot of stuff, I'd be so happy that I'd want to show it all to my sister. Then she'd start saying that she wanted to go too. That's natural, I guess. I was in such a good mood, she just wanted to feel the same way. Of course, in Sae's case, the goal is to make others unhappy. I think that people get upset at being copied especially when they're stuck-up and feel like a part of their personality is being taken away. When someone copies your clothes or your bag or your accessories, it feels like they've copied a part of you. The reason that I say this is: if someone copies things that you don't really value all that much, like your school uniform or your pens and pencils, you just kind of think, "big deal." I don't care if someone starts hanging around with my classmates, but if my friend starts flirting with the boy she knows that I like, then I get really mad. I guess how angry we get when someone copies us is a good indicator of how much that thing really means to us.

I hate to admit it, but I'm not the most beautiful person in the world. So I take a lot of pride in the things that I have. I don't like the idea of copying people or being copied, and that's why Sae makes me so mad. One last word of advice to Sae: you need to grow up! You may get away with that kind of behavior around school and not get kicked out. But when you're out in the real world, you can get fired for that kind of stuff. Then you'll lose your livelihood. Unfortunately, there are a lot of Saes in the real world.

No. 11

I was amazed to see how many letters there were from readers who wanted to take Sae's side! I can't believe there are so many copycats who were happy just to praise Sae and keep on doing what they were doing rather than take a good look at their actions. There was even one girl who said it's okay to use whatever method you must to get what you want as long as it works. Don't you all see what a waste it is to lie just to get a guy? What's the relationship worth if that's what it's based on? I think that any girl who gets a guy by hiding her true self from him will regret it someday. If she doesn't, she isn't human! I also think that a girl who could stoop to that kind of lowdown behavior obviously can't have any pride in herself. (And it wouldn't be so bad if she were only hurting herself, but she's also hurting other people in the process.) In any case, the topic for this issue is copycats, so let's get into that. I think that everyone naturally copies other people a little bit. We all know that it happens and how it makes us feel, but different people seem to have different ways of looking at it. Some of your readers have said that they can forgive the friends that copy them, while others have insisted it's unforgivable. Because there are so many different types of people, perhaps we should keep this in mind when we choose our friends. When someone really resents being copied, it's usually because the thing that was copied was very special to them. When people find something wonderful that they really like, they want to walk around thinking it's their own original thing. If someone copies it, it destroys that fantasy. And person a gets mad because person B didn't put the same effort into discovering it--she just stole the idea away from person A. It all goes back to the golden rule: Don't do things to other people that you wouldn't want them to do to you. I think it's important to remember this. I'm sorry my letter was a little long, but thank you for reading it. And please feel free to reply.

No. 12

On the subject of copycats...Back when I was in my first year of high school, I once got a letter from a good friend of mine which read: "You seem to have been copying me a lot lately. I don't like it." Reading that letter was a big shock. I cried and cried. I was never trying to do anything bad, but getting that note and experiencing that shock made me think about a lot of things. Sure, she had curls in the front that I thought were cute so I tried doing my hair the same way. At the time, I was glad that we looked like each other, but I can see how others might have thought that I copied my friend. And maybe it was because we were such good friends that she told me. After all, someone you don't even know isn't going to give you a note telling you to quit copying. Getting that letter was a shock, but once I told her what I was trying to do, she understood and we got along fine again after that. (Confronting her did take a lot of courage, though.) When someone has something that they think is really good and someone else copies it, I guess they feel like they lost something. I personally don't mind if two people have the same hairstyle or are wearing the same thing I guess I'm not that much like Sae. There are plenty of Saes in the world, but I'm glad that in the end I'm not one of them. If copying somebody hurts them, I could never feel good about that the way Sae acts.

...if they're hanging out with someone as dark and malicious as me.

You know, if you say you're a friend, you should really tell people...

Momo was being deceived!

Of course, he didn't tell this to Momo, but he was always switching from one girl to another.

He just thought he'd see what would happen if he kept telling Momo how cute she was.

Momo's pen pal boyfriend is a total playboy!

There's something else that just came to light recently, too.

Player played by Toji

But I'm certainly never going to betray her again. This time we're friends for real.

She's still kind of arrogant, so people in class don't like her too much.

Now, Momo and I are becoming friends again.

I told him off really harshly and stopped writing to him.

I had done awful things to her too, so I have no right to be angry at him, but that's really unforgivable, right?

I'm so impressed by that!

People who stand up and accept their mistakes and their bad side are really very brave.

Buy Bessatsu Friend too, please.

I want to be like that too, but it's really difficult

I look forward to seeing you all in volume 6. ♡

I hope I get even more in the future!

This time around was so happy to have gotten such wonderful letters.

What a good person you are

Well said.

Whoa!

So mature!

I'm so touched by what you said

And you didn't even blame me for drawing you in such a bad light.

You're seeking to remedy you past mistakes.

Now I plan to do my best to be a loving person.

Thank you so much for everything!

From now on I'm going to try my hardest.

But don't copy people, please!

That makes just about everyone unhappy

There's no one right answer, either Scenarios and people are so different that you really have to treat situations like this as a case by case problem, and find your own solution

Everyone has their own way of thinking and their own opinion.

What you've read up until now is part of the correspondence that you darling readers sent me! I'm sorry that I couldn't introduce all of your letters, but there were just so many of them!

I was so surprised to see what I had written in print! It made me incredibly happy to see Ueda-sensei's response, too

Me played by Sae

Hi! I read the bonus material in Peach Girl 3

Everybody remember that?

She's the one who broke up her friend and penpal, right?

Finally, I'd like to reintroduce a reader whose letter we answered in volume 4, who sent us another response!

Friend played by Momo

We, awhile back, I was being picked on a lot, and this one time she stood up for me.

You asked why she was my friend even if I didn't like her, right?

"And especially about what you said, Miss Ueda

I've thought a lot about what I've done.

So I decided that from now on I will absolutely never do something like that again!

I still can't forget a single word of that time, though.

Now that I think about it, that was kind of a dumb thing to do.

I promise you, Sensei, I won't turn into Sae

But it's not that I hate Sae. Actually, I really like her!

She's shedding that Sae snakeskin

Ummm, I know this feeling

I thought, "Wow, what a wonderful person she is."

But when we started hanging out, she was like a different person

We still kind of stayed friends, though

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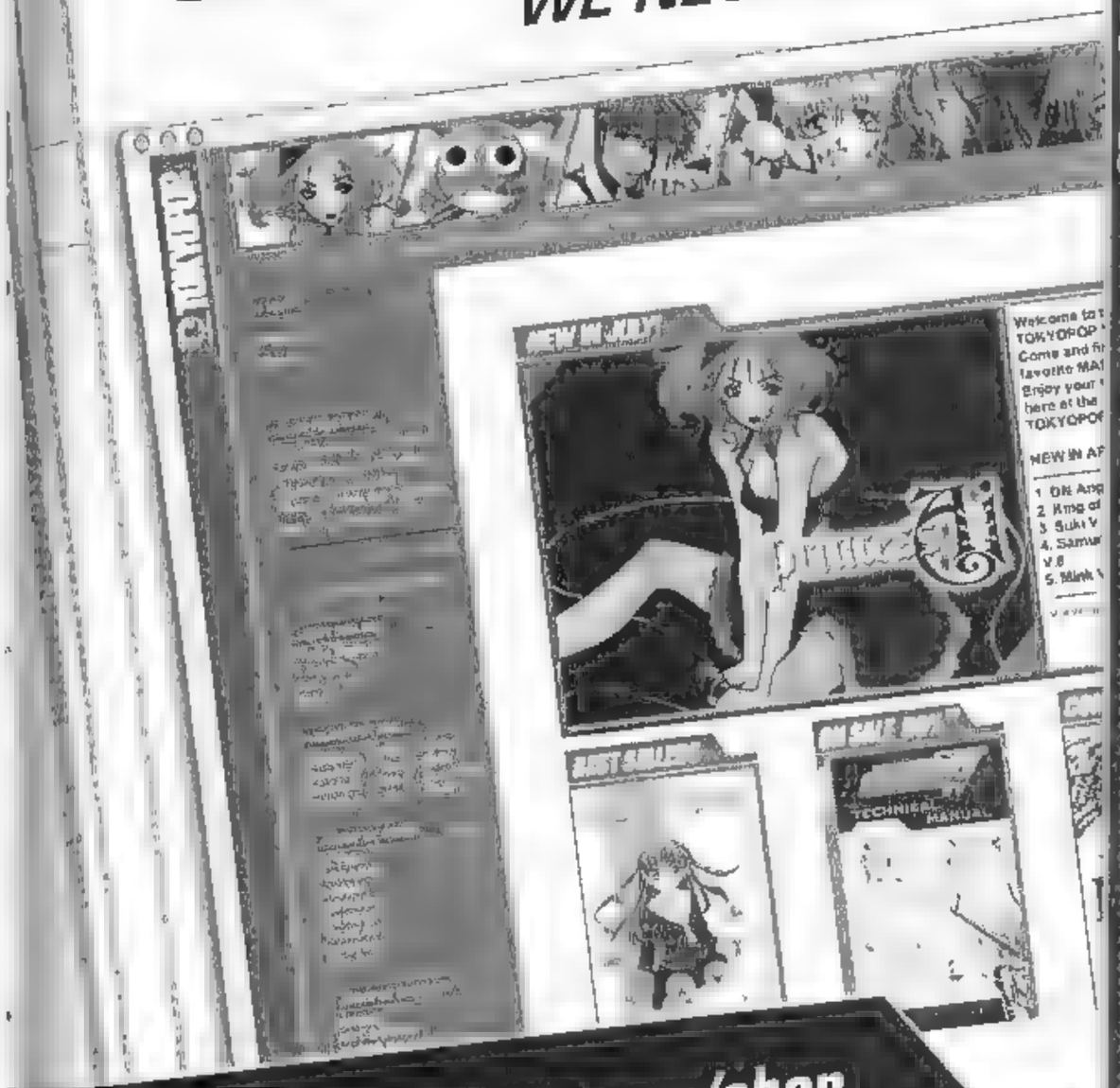

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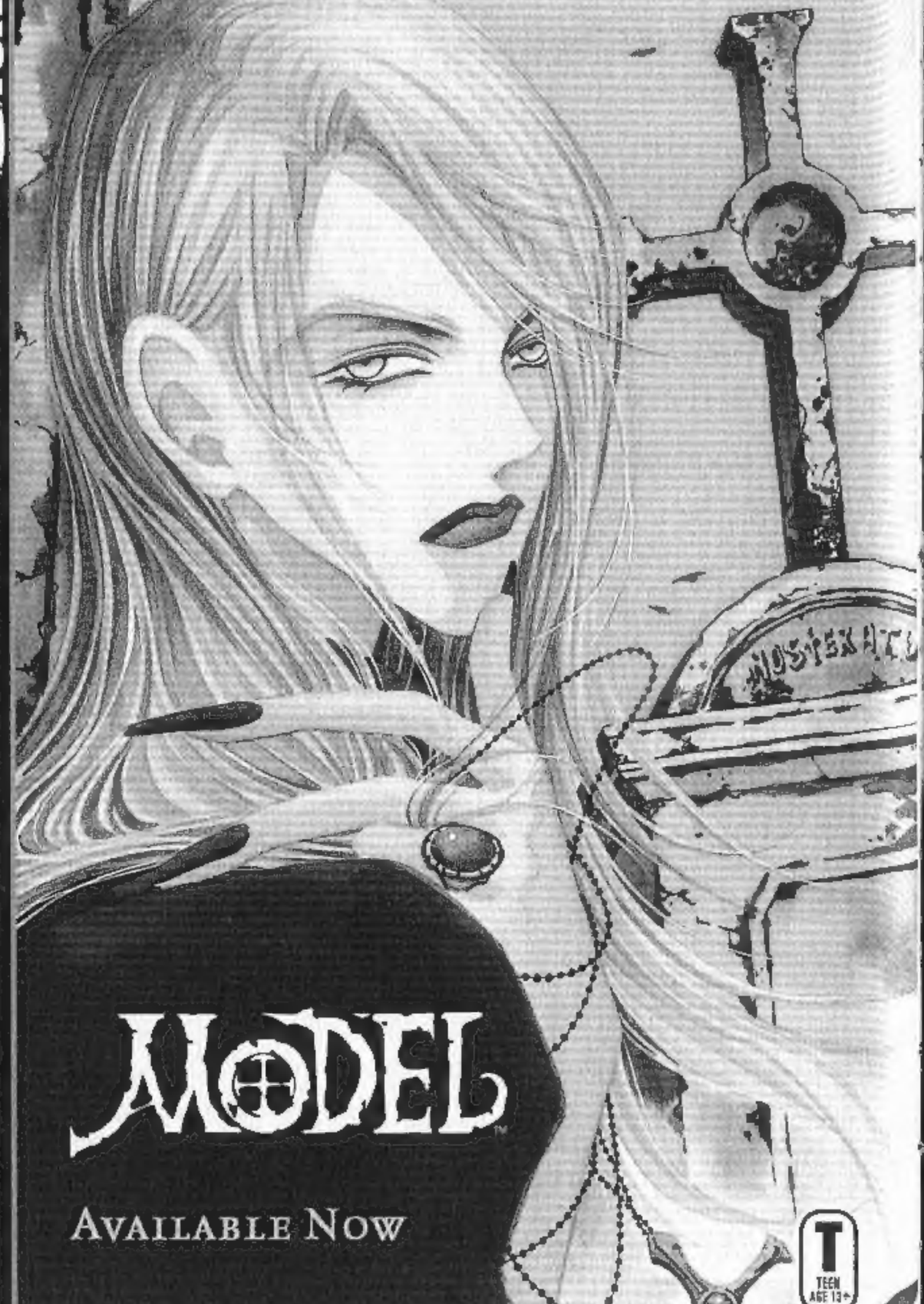

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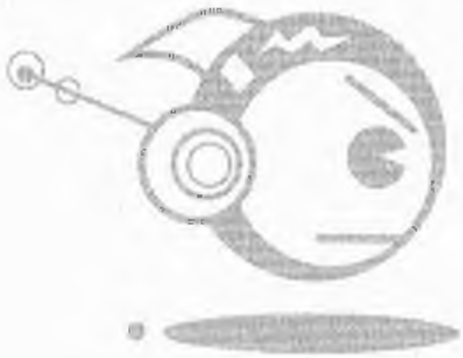

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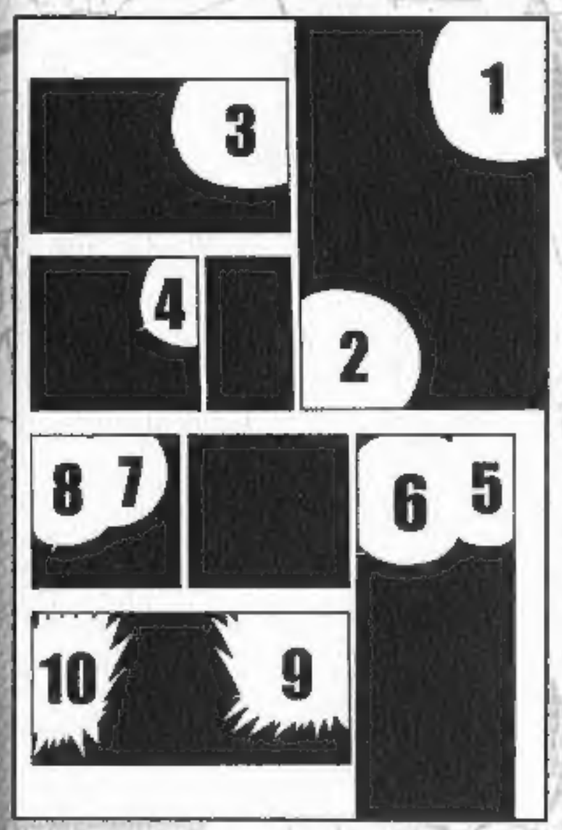

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